

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph that begins at page 9, line 4, as follows:

The top side of the base member 110 includes room for information or texturing (e.g. the FWIDGET logo 101) in a region overlying the leaf spring 132, and room for information or texturing (e.g. FWIDGET embossed in braille 102) in a region overlying the plunger channel 116. These same regions provide bearing surfaces on which you can place your fingers in a manner that straddles the ball 150 (for reasons described below). In other words, these regions may be described in terms of respective first and second upwardly facing bearing surfaces disposed on opposite sides of the ball, each of which extends parallel to the length of the base member 110 for a distance at least as great as the diameter of the ball 150.

Please amend the paragraph that begins at page 13, line 1, as follows:

The ball 150 facilitates multiple amusement activities, as well. For example, you can use a thumb or finger to rotate the ball 150 while holding the device 100 in your hand. You can also hold the ball 150 between your thumb and an opposing finger, and spin the base relative to the ball 150. Yet another available option is to place the ball 150 on a support surface; place your fingers on the base in a manner that straddles the ball 150 (with respective fingers bearing on regions overlying the leaf spring 132 and the plunger channel 116, respectively; and roll or "surf" the

device 100 across the support surface. Alternatively, when the ball 150 is on the support surface, you can place a finger on the ball 150, and spin the base about the ball 150.

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